

Brief Introduction of Edward W. Raether-Cemetery Commission

Ed has been a resident of Waukesha since 1958. He resides with his wife Arlene (wedded for 61+ years) at 213 N Comanche Lane which is part of the Sutton Place Condominium Association and where he serves as Vice President and Secretary.

Ed spent 40-years with American Appraisal where he began as a staff appraiser in machinery and equipment and eventually in real estate as well. He rose through the ranks to Vice President and Managing Director for Central/Eastern European Operations where he was instrumental in opening international valuation practices in Budapest, Hungary, Warsaw, Poland, Prague, Czech Republic, Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, and finally in Hamburg/Berlin, Germany after the wall in Eastern Europe came down in late 1988. Ed lived in Budapest for nine years (1990-1999) and two+ years (1999-2001) in Hamburg and Berlin.

Upon returning from Europe in 2001, Ed returned to manage the Industrial Valuation Group in the Milwaukee office until his retirement in 2008, at which time he had 40-years of service.

In his 40-year career with American Appraisal, Ed carried out valuations in 65 countries in the world, as well as receiving numerous awards for his international achievements along with demonstrating superior client-handling skills on large valuation engagements.

He has been President of the Lebanon Historical Society, Lebanon, WI since 2006 where he led the donation and relocation of a 153-year old log cabin from Watertown to Trechel Park in Lebanon in 2015 including raising \$42,000 to carry out the project. In 2018-19, he led the complete renovation of the Museum in Lebanon with more than 220 members and six-monthly programs and an annual chili luncheon fund raiser. He also led the local community with his efforts to raise funds to enable the LHS to modernize the entrance to the Union Cemetery in Lebanon

Ed is very active in the local community and is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church where he has been a member for 61+ years. In addition to being a Sunday School teacher, he has served on the Endowment Committee, past President of the Church Council, currently serves on the Finance Committee and the Facilities & Maintenance Committee, and co-chaired the initial capital campaign which raised \$1.24 million for the Sanctuary renewal project and currently co-chairs the second debt reduction campaign which raised \$750,000.

After Ed graduated from MSOE, he served on the MSOE Alumni Association Board from 1972-1985 and was the President in 1976; was a MSOE Corporation Member from 1976-1985; became an MSOE Board of Regents Member from 1985 to present; was given the MSOE 'MASTER Key to Success' award in 1988; was named MSOE 's "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" in 2006 and added to MSOE's "Wall of Fame"; and in 2012, MSOE awarded Ed with an Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree.

Ed is also a past-president of the Engineers and Scientists of Milwaukee (STEM today), and a past president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers.

In 2018 Ed was named as the sixth Watertown Unified School District Distinguished Alumni award winner from the Watertown High School class of 1954.

Ed is currently serving his second three-year term on the City of Waukesha Zoning Appeals Board.